

**Ninth Grade Evaluate sources and information****[BACK](#)**

- 1 You need to find reliable information about treatments available for headaches and plan to use an article from the periodical *Pain-Free Living* as your source. What is the most important thing to think about as you decide whether or not this is a reliable source?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ How current is the periodical?
- ☐ What experience does the author of the article have?
- ☐ Who publishes the periodical?
- ☐ All of the above.

- 2 Why is it important to evaluate a website's currency?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ Old information could be incomplete and/or incorrect.
- ☐ If the site is free, the information will likely be biased.
- ☐ If you can't find the date, MLA and APA rules do not allow you to use the information.
- ☐ Doing so keeps you up-to-date on technology trends.

- 3 You are responsible for writing a paper on the production of electricity in your state. Which resource is **least likely** to have biased information:

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ [www.freetheplanet.org](http://www.freetheplanet.org)
- ☐ The electric company that sets the rates for your electricity
- ☐ *The Greenworks Gazette*
- ☐ A coal company in your state
- ☐ The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov))

- 4 Your group has selected the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska as a research topic. As you are researching, you read a fantastic quote attributed to attorney Paul Achitoff of Earthjustice. What should be your next step?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ Discuss the appropriateness of the quote with the members of your group
- ☐ Verify that the attorney works for Earthjustice and learn more about the organization
- ☐ Use the quote in your group's research project because the quote supports the group's argument

- 5 You are doing a project on income versus expenditures in city government. You hear that your city spent 3 million dollars on snow removal last year, and you want to use this information in your PowerPoint presentation. What should you do to verify that this information is correct?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ Call a neighbor
- ☐ Ask your parent or guardian
- ☐ Call the police department
- ☐ Call the city treasurer

- 6 When you are assessing a website's accuracy, which of the following would you **not** examine?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ Advertising
- ☐ The correctness of the facts
- ☐ A bibliography or list of sources used
- ☐ Whether the information is free from errors

- 7 Contemporary and up-to-date refer to:

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ coverage
- ☐ accuracy
- ☐ objectivity
- ☐ currency
- ☐ authority

- 8 Read the excerpt below that comes from a travel industry magazine:

Deputy Director Hill of Horseshoe Cruise Line stated the following about the mysterious illness aboard the 900-person cruise ship Royal Lady, "Including crew and guests, we believe that 766 passengers are presently ill. That is certainly not an epidemic. In fact, there is no reason to believe that this illness has anything to do with the food or facilities."

Does this excerpt illustrate fact, opinion or bias?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ Fact
- ☐ Opinion
- ☐ Bias

- 9 When you are assessing a website's objectivity, which of the following would you **not** examine?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ The intended audience of the website
- ☐ Advertising on the website
- ☐ The currency of hyperlinks on the website

- ☐ The website's sponsoring company or organization
- ☐ Language and images that paint a one-sided picture

**10** "Most disturbing of all, some researchers want to use cloning to create human beings solely for experimentation and destruction. They propose to supply genetically matched tissues for treating various diseases by making human embryos from patients' body cells, then dissecting these developing embryos for their 'spare parts.' Some even speak of growing genetically altered 'headless' or 'brainless' human clones as organ farms."

You want to use this information in your research paper on cloning. What is your next step?

**CHOOSE ONE ANSWER.**

- ☐ Verify the accuracy of the information.
- ☐ Write your paper.
- ☐ Plan your search strategy.
- ☐ Define your topic.

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